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THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF AQUEOUS SALT SOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE IONIC THEORY.*

It is generally recognized that the further progress of physical science will be greatly facilitated by a better systematization of the knowledge already accumulated, and this is true in an especially high degree of the newly developed branch of science in which this section is directly interested. It has, therefore, seemed to me that the most valuable contribution that I could make toward the solution of the present problems of physical chemistry in correspondence with the aims of this Congress, would be a formulation of the present status of some of our knowledge relating to important classes of phenomena which are being actively investigated, but which have not yet received a final interpretation. It was my original hope to discuss several such classes of phenomena; but the effort involved in the collation and criticism of the available data connected with the problem which was first studied, forced me to confine my attention to that alone. This problem concerns *the physical properties of aqueous salt solutions in relation to the ionic theory*. This is the subject which I shall attempt to present to you: I hope that its importance and the greater definiteness that can be given to its treatment may compensate for the somewhat limited scope of this paper.

Permit me to say in advance that I have

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